



INSIDE SANTA CLARA

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CITY OF SANTA CLARA
RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES

SPRING 2008



Council moves ahead with next step in negotiations with 49ers

After one year of extensive research, discussions, and public comment, and an eight-month feasibility study, the City Council determined at its January 15, 2008 meeting that the 49ers proposed stadium presents a potential entertainment/economic opportunity for the City's North Bayshore Area. Council directed the City Manager to move forward in the next step of negotiations with the 49ers.

These preliminary negotiations are non-binding – they do not commit the City to the stadium project – and will be contained in a Term Sheet which will be created over the next four to six months. The purpose of preliminary negotiations is to further examine issues and clarify and document understandings and guarantees of all parties involved in the proposed project. The Term Sheet would return to the Council for review and further public discussion.

Concurrent with the work on the Term Sheet, the 49ers will begin the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process, including an Environmental Impact Report. The costs of preparing the report are paid by the 49ers, with the City of Santa Clara serving as the lead agency in its preparation. It is necessary to begin this process immediately if the target date for the stadium opening of 2012 is to potentially be met. Starting the CEQA process does not guarantee that the City will approve the project.

At its January 22, 2008 meeting, the Council discussed the type and timing of a ballot measure for the proposed stadium with the goal that eventual Term Sheet elements could be reflected in potential ballot language. Additional information on this topic was scheduled for discussion at the March 4, 2008 meeting.

The 49ers announced their interest in building a football stadium in the City of Santa Clara in November of 2006. It would be located on part of the parking lot of Great America Theme Park, 5000 Great America Parkway, just south of Tasman Blvd. This land, like the land under the Theme Park, is owned by the City, and is contractually committed to Great America for parking requirements. Feasibility studies of this complex proposal have covered a wide range of questions and community concerns including legal, financial, infrastructure and stadium location issues.

The Term Sheet will further clarify the following issues, among others:

- The potential for a direct land lease payment to the City.
- Resolving concerns expressed by Cedar Fair
- Determining who would be responsible for construction cost overruns beyond 2013. The 49ers have already agreed to pay for any overruns through 2013.

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Budget holding steady, but caution is advised



A mid-year report on the status of the City budget presented to the City Council in February shows that revenues and expenditures are on track to meet projections - provided the economy does not take a downturn and the State does not look to local government to solve their \$14.5 billion deficit projected for 2008-09. Both the national and regional economies are expected to experience some sluggishness over the next six months.

The City adopted a balanced budget for 2007-08 without the use of any reserves to cover a gap between revenues and expenses. Reserves were used in 2002-03, 2003-04, and 2004-05 to balance the budget, and the Council has established replenishing reserve balances as one of the City's top priorities.

If trends continue, the General Fund is projected to generate a \$3.5 million surplus by the end of fiscal year 2007-08, slightly under the original projections of a \$3.8 million surplus. According to City Council policy, \$3.0 million of the surplus would be transferred into the Emergency Reserve Fund, and would increase the Emergency Reserve, which currently has a balance of \$18.1 million - about half of its targeted balance. Any surplus over \$3.0 million would be transferred to the Capital Projects Reserve Fund,

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Join us in shaping the future of the City of Santa Clara!

Over the next two years, City staff and consultants will be preparing an update of the Santa Clara General Plan. The General Plan is the "blueprint" for how the City should grow and develop, where different land uses should be located, how environmental and historic resources should be conserved, and what kinds of open space and transportation improvements should be undertaken.

Development of the General Plan will be a collaborative effort between the City and the community to create a shared vision for Santa Clara and outline policies that will guide development through 2030. Community input will help guide the planning process. Residents will be able to get involved in all stages — from initial visioning and developing ideas that will be explored in plan alternatives, to selecting a preferred plan and reviewing the General Plan and accompanying Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Several opportunities for community participation are planned in the coming months, including a citywide survey that will be sent to all City households, and a visioning workshop. Newsletters and the General Plan Update website will provide dates of upcoming events as well as new documents and maps as they are produced as part of the Plan update process.

For more information or to sign up to be on the General Plan email list, go to www.SantaClaraGP.com, or contact the City of Santa Clara Planning Division at 615-2450.

Theme Park Starts New Year with New Attraction



Taking guests head-over-heels at the newly named California's Great America will be FireFall. This new thrill ride will take 40 brave riders to a height of 60 feet, then subject them to 360 degree vertical arcs as they twist, turn and spin through both fire and water effects. FireFall is manufactured by Huss of Germany, and promises to be the hottest theme park attraction in 2008. California's Great America will also bring back an old time favorite for the entire family, debuting an all-new Ice Show Spectacular in the summer line-up. And the theme park will be offering new and longer operating hours for the season, staying open as late as 10 p.m. the majority of the summer, offering more time to enjoy the park and new attractions. There are also new season pass options for the year. For more information, visit www.cagreatamerica.com, or call 988-1776.

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Public discussion
of 2008-09
proposed budget

The City Council has established dates for a public hearing and joint study sessions to re-view the proposed 2008-09 Annual Budget, including Operating and Capital Improvement Project Budgets. The public hearing will discuss City budgets, the Redevelopment Agency budget, the budget for the Sports & Open Space Authority, the use of funds from the federal entitlement HOME Program (used for affordable housing purposes), and adjustments to fees, rates and charges. Community Development Block Grants will also be considered although separate public hearings will be held. The schedule for 2008-09 study sessions and public hearings is:

- May 6** Joint study session to review significant proposed capital improvement projects
- May 13** Joint study session to review the proposed Five-Year Financial Plan and Capital Improvement Project Budget
- May 20** Joint study session to review the proposed 2008/09 Operating Budget
- June 10** Public hearing on proposed budgets and municipal fee schedule.

**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS**

**TIME
BEGINS**

**Set your clocks forward
one hour on March 9**

Budget (Continued from page 1)

which currently does not have sufficient funds to support the projects listed in the Five-Year Financial Plan. If the departments can keep their expenses under budget during the remainder of the year, this could also contribute to re-building reserves by \$1 million to \$3 million.

Sales tax revenues, the largest revenue source for the City's General Fund budget, have declined over the same period last year. Revenues for the City Utility Enterprises are also forecast to come under budget by about \$10.4 million or 4.1% due to slower load growth than originally anticipated in the Electric Utility.

In her budget planning message to departments for fiscal year 2008-09, City Manager Jennifer Sparacino recommended adding no new programs until more reserves have been replaced and programs that were reduced or eliminated during the height of the budget crisis in 2001-05 have been funded to the extent needed.

The City still has about 30 staff positions frozen, and budget recommendations for 2008-09 do not include the \$3.5 million that would be needed to fill these positions. Sufficient funding has not yet been identified to pursue refurbishing the International Swim Center, one of the capital improvement projects postponed during the economic downturn. Funding is also being explored to pursue the rebuilding of streets in a few neighborhoods to bring them up to City standards. Staff is exploring financing options for these projects and others.

The City is watchful about the possible negative impact on revenues from weak employment and retail sales, and the downturn in the housing market. On the expense side of the ledger, the City is closely monitoring increasing costs such as the unfunded liability for employee pension and retiree medical benefits, rising utility costs and agreements with employee bargaining units.

Given the uncertainty in the national as well as regional economy, and the City's current fiscal year projections, the City will continue to carefully monitor the City's revenues and expenditures throughout the year. As budget details evolve, more information will be posted on the City's website www.santaclaraca.gov.

City of Santa Clara
Code of
Ethics and Values

Ethical
Professional
Service-Oriented
Fiscally Responsible
Organized
Communicative
Collaborative
Progressive

Ethics Every Day: Making
Ethical Values a Good Habit



CITY OF SANTA CLARA
QUARTERLY REPORT

Spring 2008

(delivered bulk mail to every residential
and business address in Santa Clara)

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City Goals and Priorities 2007-2009

The City Council priority is to focus on successful completion of existing City projects, postpone new City projects and proposals, and operate within Council-adopted budget principles and priorities, with the goal of guiding the City successfully to economic recovery. (The complete Council Principles and Priorities 2007-09 can be found on the City website at

www.santaclaraca.gov/city_gov/city_gov_council_adopted_goals.html)

City Mission Statement

The mission of the City of Santa Clara is to promote a living and working environment that allows for the best quality of life by serving the community with resourceful, efficient, progressive and professional leadership.
- Adopted by Council action, July 25, 1989 -



Public Meetings - City Hall

Board of Library Trustees*	1st Monday	7:00 pm
Citizens Advisory Committee	4th Monday	7:00 pm
City Council	Two Tuesdays per month	7:00 pm
Civil Service Commission	2nd Monday	7:00 pm
Cultural Advisory Commission	1st Monday	7:30 pm
Historical & Landmarks Commission	1st Thursday	7:00 pm
International Exchange Commission	1st Tuesday	7:00 pm
Parks & Recreation Commission	3rd Tuesday	7:00 pm
Planning Commission	2nd & 4th Wednesday	7:00 pm
Senior Advisory Commission**	4th Monday	10:00 am
Youth Commission (during the school year)***	2nd Tuesday	6:00 pm

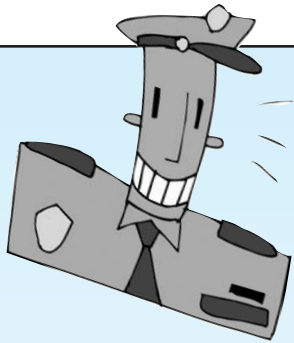
Some commissions/committees meet monthly and others meet semi-monthly. Agendas for City Council, Board and Commission meetings are posted at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, the Central Park Library and Mission Library, and on the City website, at least 3 days before the listed meeting. Complete agenda packets with back-up reports for City Council meetings are available at either City Library beginning Saturday before the Tuesday meetings, or at the City Clerk's Office on weekdays. The City Clerk's Office database also allows for the viewing of Agenda Reports online, at http://santaclaraca.gov/calendarc_m_cur.html.

- * Meeting is at Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Road
- ** Meeting is at the Senior Center, 1303 Fremont Street
- *** Meeting is at Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Avenue

Online schedule: www.santaclaraca.gov
Dates and times may vary. Call (408) 615-2220 for information.



CODE COMPLIANCE QUESTIONS



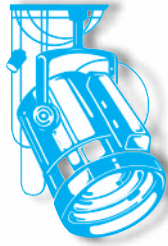
Q. My neighbors park their boat on the street and on their front lawn. Is this legal?

A. The Code of the City of Santa Clara restricts the parking of any vehicle, including boats, on any street or alley for more than a consecutive period of 72 hours. It also prohibits the parking of vehicles for any length of time on the required landscaped areas of residential properties, including front yards.

Vehicles may only be parked on areas surfaced with all-weather materials such as concrete, asphalt, brick, stone, or gravel.

To report vehicles that have been parked in excess of 72 consecutive hours in one location, or to report inoperable vehicles on the street, call the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement number at 615-4778. Information from calls to the Abandoned Vehicle Hotline is forwarded to a Community Service Officer in the Police Department for follow up.

To report illegally parked vehicles on landscaped areas of residential properties or for more information on this topic, call the City's Code Enforcement Office at 615-2460.



SPOTLIGHT ON CITY BOARD, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Youth Commission applications due March 28

Applications for the 2008-2009 Santa Clara Youth Commission must be submitted to the Teen Center no later than 6 p.m. on Friday, March 28. All applicants who meet the qualifications will be invited to take part in an interview on Saturday, April 19. Applications can be picked up at the Teen Center, Community Recreation Center, Central Park Library, Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, City Hall or in the counseling offices at Santa Clara Unified School District schools.

The 15-member Youth Commission is comprised of young adults, ages 12 – 19 residing in Santa Clara. The Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council on matters pertaining to the youth and teen population, especially as related to municipal programs and projects in Santa Clara. Applicants will be rated on communication skills, leadership potential, commitment/dedication and enthusiasm/interest. The members of the 2008-2009 Youth Commission will be announced in May.

The Youth Commission meets 6-8:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month, September through May at the Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Ave. For more information call Jennifer Herb at 615-3740.

Community Service Scholarship

Applications for a community service scholarship available to high school juniors and graduating seniors residing in Santa Clara are now available and due by Friday, March 28, at 6 p.m. Students must have a minimum 2.5 grade point average and have contributed in some way toward the Santa Clara community.

The scholarship is a project of the City of Santa Clara Youth Commission. Applications are available at the Teen Center, Community Recreation Center, Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, Central Park Library, City Hall or at Santa Clara Unified School District high school counseling offices. For information, contact Jennifer Herb at 615-3740.

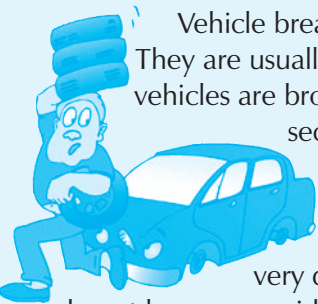
ADA committee meeting

The City of Santa Clara Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory Committee will hold its joint meeting with the City Staff ADA Compliance Committee on Monday, March 10, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Santa Clara Mission Library Community Room, 1098 Lexington St.

The ADA Advisory Committee is composed of representatives from the community, both individuals and organizations. Members of the public are invited to attend the meetings and participate in the various accessibility issues discussed. Meeting locations are broadcast on Santa Clara Cable Channel 15, or for further information contact the Engineering Department at 615-3000.

The ADA Advisory Committee assists the City ADA Compliance Committee with recommendations for implementation of the City ADA Plan. Organizations represented on the ADA Advisory Committee include Hearing Loss Association of America and the Adult Independence Development Center.

Protect your vehicle and valuables



Vehicle break-ins are one of the most common crimes. They are usually random and are a crime of opportunity. Most vehicles are broken into during night hours, or when parked in secluded and dark areas. It takes thieves just minutes to get into a vehicle, ransack it, take what they can, and flee the scene. Unless a thief is caught while perpetrating this crime, it is very difficult to apprehend a suspect, as they usually do not leave any evidence behind. Please use every precaution available to decrease the chance of you becoming a victim.

- ALWAYS lock your vehicle—An unlocked vehicle is an open invitation to a thief. Lock up your vehicle even if you are making a quick stop and take the keys with you.
- Close all windows—Professional thieves have tools that unlock cars through the smallest openings.
- NEVER leave valuables inside your vehicle or trunk—Remove cellular phones, GPS systems, satellite radio receivers, iPods, stereo face-plates, garage door openers, and other valuables.
- Use anti-theft devices—Alarms, steering wheel locks and locking gas cap are a deterrent.
- Park in visible, well-lighted areas—Avoid parking in secluded and dark areas. Don't leave a vehicle in unattended public parking lots for an extended period.
- Record serial numbers and mark your valuables with an identifying number—Operation Identification.

Sister Cities Showcase of Young Artists 2008

"A Reflection of Your Community" is the theme for Santa Clara Sister Cities Showcase of Young Artists 2008 that invites Santa Clara students, ages 13 – 18, to interpret the theme in works of art. Deadline for entries is March 14.

All entries must be the design and original artwork of the entrant. Each contestant will receive a \$25 gift certificate from University Art, and the winner receives a \$100 cash award plus the opportunity to compete in the International Sister Cities contest with young artists from around the world. Winners of the International Sister Cities contest win a \$300 cash award and their work is shown internationally.

Applications and entry rules may be picked up at Santa Clara City Libraries, the Santa Clara Teen Center, the Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Office at City Hall, Wilcox or Santa Clara High Schools and the Triton Museum of Art. Completed artwork and applications may also be dropped off at these locations: Santa Clara City Libraries, Santa Clara Teen Center, and the Triton Museum of Art.

Only two-dimensional artwork, no larger than 24" x 30" (60 cm x 75 cm),

including matting is accepted. Watercolor, oils, pastels, pen and ink, charcoal, photography, two dimensional mixed media, as well as computer generated art, are all acceptable edia. Please do not submit framed artwork. Entries should be mounted on foam core or matted, so they are firm enough to stand on easels. Entries that use copyrighted or trade-marked images will not be accepted.

For information contact Debbie Pavao at 244-8408 or at deb_pavao@yahoo.com. Please put SCSCA Art Contest in the subject line.



Artwork by Mitchell Castro titled "One People, One World."



Are you ready for some Spring?

Spring recreation classes



Spring is a great time to get out and enjoy fun activities offered by the Parks & Recreation Department. Registration is now open.

Many new activities for adults

are offered this spring, such as: Absolute Nutrition, Digital Photography, Camp Cooking, Thai Cuisine, and Easter Cookie Decorating. If you are looking for ways to get fit after a long winter, try Awesome Body in Motion, Core Sculpt, Integral Tai Chi, or one of the local hiking or kayaking excursions! Activities for children include Arts & Crafts, Gymnastics, Tennis, Soccer, Basketball, Skateboarding, Chess, and more!

See the *City of Santa Clara Recreation Activities Guide* for a complete listing of the programs offered. Pick up a copy at the Community Recreation Center, Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, Teen Center, Senior Center, City Hall, Central Park Library, or the Mission Library Family Reading Center. The guide is also available online at: www.santaclaraca.gov.

Sign up for classes online or by phone, providing instant registration. An account "PIN" number and "client bar-code" are required before using either service. You may also register in person during regular business hours at the Community Recreation Center or Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center. Call the Community Recreation Center at 615-3140 for more information.

Farmers Market for fresh produce Saturdays

Kiwis, peaches, plums and cherries. . .
Tomatoes, corn, and three kinds of berries. . .



The fresh fruits and vegetables of spring and summer are on their way from nearby fields and orchards to Santa Clara's year-round Downtown Farmers Market. The event is held every Saturday, rain or shine, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jackson Street between Homestead Road and Benton Street. A different selection of fresh produce and flowers is offered each week, directly from growers. The "Growers Certificate" hanging at the farmer's stand is issued by the County Agriculture Commissioner authorizing the farmer to sell only the certain crops listed and grown by them. Questions? Call (510) 745-7100.

Santa Clara Players performs two comedies

Through March 15; May 16-June 7

The sights, smells, tastes and sounds of an old-fashioned fair will come alive when Santa Clara Players performs

"Faith County," a hilarious comedy written by Mark Landon Smith, at the Triton Museum Hall Pavilion, now through March 15.

In another brilliant comedy of modern English life, the Santa Clara Players will perform "The Constant Wife" by W. Somerset Maugham from May 16 through June 7.

Curtain time for both productions is 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. Matinees on the first Saturday and all Sunday performances are at 2:30 p.m. There is no evening performance on the first Saturday.

Tickets are \$18 for the champagne opening night and \$15 for all other performances. Discounts for seniors and students are available. For tickets and information, call 248-7993 or visit www.scplayers.org.

The Players also produce one-act plays as a community outreach. For information about the one-act touring shows, popular with retirement homes, churches and community groups, call 248-7993.

1960s art at de Saisset Museum Through June 15



Ed Ruscha, *Juice*, 1967, gunpowder on paper, 14.375 x 22.875 in., Collection of Harry W. and Mary Margaret Anderson, © Ed Ruscha

Santa Clara's de Saisset Museum hosts "Eye on the Sixties: Vision, Body, and Soul: Selections from the Collection of Harry W. and Mary Margaret Anderson," through March 20, and from March 29 through June 15, 2008. The 1960s represent an important period of social, historical, and cultural transformation in the United States. Artistically, the decade signaled many dramatic changes as well, as artists searched for new modes of expression in the post-Abstract Expressionist era. This exhibition celebrates the artistic legacy of this decade in all of its dynamic diversity. Culled from the extraordinary Anderson collection, "Eye on the Sixties" includes paintings, sculpture, drawings, and prints by artists such as Joseph Albers, Robert Arneson, Bruce Beasley, Fletcher Benton, Bruce Conner, Helen Frankenthaler, Sam Francis, Jasper Johns, Robert Rauschenberg, Sam Richardson, Frank Stella, Wayne Thiebaud, William T. Wiley, and many others.

The Museum is open Tuesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Tours are also available to community groups and individuals. To schedule a docent-led tour of the exhibitions, call 554-4528 or email rnadel@scu.edu. More information about the de Saisset Museum can be found online at www.scu.edu/deSaisset.

26th anniversary of SHOWTIME melodrama

March 7-9

With heroes and heroines to cheer, and villains to boo, the Santa Clara Women's League presents "SHOWTIME '08!" a benefit for the health and wellness programs at the Santa Clara Senior Center.



This year's pre-shows on Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8, begin at 6:30 p.m. with the melodrama set for 7 p.m. On Sunday, March 9, the pre-show begins at 1:30 p.m. and the melodrama at 2 p.m. Performances are at the Santa Clara Community

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QUICK CALENDAR

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Friends of the Library book sales March 15, April 19 & May 17

34th annual Easter Egg Hunt March 22

Family Art Day at the Triton March 29

Model train show April 5-6

Junior Theatre presents "Seussical!" April 18-20, 25-27

Arbor Day/Earth Day April 25

Fish Derby for children April 26

41st Santa Clara International Swim Meet May 15-18

Fiesta Fiesta Ole' May 17

Afternoon Tea and Vintage Fashion Show June 8



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Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd. Tickets are \$7 and are available at the Senior Center.

Long-time Santa Clara resident Cleo Stuckrath was the driving force behind the establishment of SHOWTIME in 1982, raising money so that the nursing services program could continue. Every year since then, she has been the leadership, heart and soul that rallies many in the community to participate in the annual, good old fashion entertainment.

For more information, call 615-3170.

Two concerts by Santa Clara Chorale

March 14, 16 & May 16

The Santa Clara Chorale will present two concerts this spring, beginning with a showcase of works by the great Renaissance masters: Monteverdi, Gabrielli and Schutz. “The Glory of Venice,” featuring music of the Venetian Polychoral School, will be performed on March 14, at 8 p.m. at Mission Santa Clara, and on March 16, at 4 p.m. at St. Mark’s Episcopal in Palo Alto. A brass ensemble will accompany the Chorale.

The Chorale’s season finale will be May 16, at 8 p.m., at Mission Santa Clara, when it will join voices with the Santa Clara University Choirs and a full professional orchestra to perform Johannes Brahms (pictured right) crowning achievement, the soul-stirring “Ein Deutes Requiem, Op. 45.” The concert will also feature Brahms’ brief and moving work, “Schicksalslied (Song of Destiny) Op. 54,” a rarely heard jewel for chorus and orchestra. For tickets and information, call 369-1289 or visit www.scc.org.



Friends of the Library book sales

March 15, April 19 & May 17



Add to your private book collection, find a bargain, and support the Santa Clara City Library by purchasing books at the Friends of the Library Book Sales this spring. The book sales will be held March 15, April 19, and May 17, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in the Central Park Library Cedar Room, 2635 Homestead Rd. Visit www.lovethe library.org for more information about the Foundation and Friends of the Santa Clara City Library or call 615-2987.

34th annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 22

On your mark...get set...GO...to the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Central Park! Now in its 34th year, the hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 22, and will begin promptly at 10 a.m. with divisions for ages 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, and special needs. Parking is limited.

Families are encouraged to arrive early and take part in pre-hunt activities that start at 9 a.m. For a nominal fee, families will have the opportunity to participate in a petting zoo sponsored by the Homesteaders 4H, face painting by the Roberta Jones Junior Theatre, and photographs with the Easter Bunny. There will be a concession booth with tasty morning snacks for sale, too. Don’t forget to bring your own baskets for the hunt.

This popular event is sponsored by the Santa Clara Kiwanis, Santa Clara Elks Lodge #2347, and the Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department. Call 615-3140 for more information.



Family Art Day at the Triton

Saturday, March 29



Bring the kids for a free afternoon of hands-on art activities at the Triton Museum of Art Family Day on Saturday, March 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Have fun creating your own art project and join in on a Gallery Exploration of the Museum’s exhibitions, including a “Santa Clara Unified School District Student Exhibition.”

Family Art Day is funded by Target Stores, Delta Kappa Gamma Society, and Frieda C. Fox Family Foundation. For more information, call 247-3754.

Model train show in April

April 5-6

Model trains and railroad artifacts are the focus of the Spring Model Train Show at the historic Santa Clara Depot on Saturday and Sunday, April 5-6.

Two museum-quality model railroad layouts and a collection of railroad artifacts – many provided by local families steeped in railroad history – will be on display.



The HO and N-scale model train displays at the Santa Clara Depot are works in process. The HO-scale layout is undergoing a transformation more in keeping with its theme of local railroading and numerous scenes on the layout have been updated recently. The layout operates in an era ending in 1959, meaning that scenery (structures, industries and businesses) and vehicles are consistent with real railroad operations of that era. The N-scale layout operates in roughly the same era. Both displays will be fully operational from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The organization’s Company Store will be open to sell used model railroad trains, and railroad memorabilia, books, magazines and videos.

The South Bay Historical Railroad Society is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization founded in 1985 to restore and maintain the historic former Southern Pacific Santa Clara Depot and to maintain a museum and a library of railroad-related information.

The Edward Peterman Museum of Railroad History includes a collection of railroad lanterns and many historic trackside and grade crossing signaling devices, as well as memorabilia that celebrates the heritage of local railroad workers. The Santa Clara interlocking control tower, which for many years stood sentry over the adjacent rail yard, will be open for tours between 12 noon and 4 p.m. each day, weather permitting.

A donation of \$5 for adults will be collected at the entrance to the depot. Admission for persons under 18 is free. For more information, see the SBHRS website at www.sbh rs.org or leave a message on the recorded phone line at 243-3969 and your call will be returned.

Junior Theatre presents “Seussical!”

April 18-20, 25-27

This magnificent musical stars many favorite Dr. Seuss characters, including The Cat in the Hat, The Grinch, Horton the Elephant, and all of the Whos of Whoville! The classic, colorful tales of Dr. Seuss, and their subtle themes, appeal to all ages.

Performances will be at the Mission City Center for Performing Arts, 3250 Monroe St. (at Wilcox High School) on April 18, 19, 25, 26 at 7 p.m. and April 20 and 27 at 2 p.m.

Advanced tickets are available through order forms at the Community Recreation Center or online at www.rj it.org. Tickets are \$3 for children and \$6 for adults. See the website or call 615-3161 for more information.

Arbor Day/Earth Day

April 25

An award to Santa Clara as a “Tree City, U.S.A.” will highlight the annual Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration on Friday, April 25 at 10 a.m. on the Triton Museum grounds at 1505 Warburton Ave. This is the 21st year that the City of Santa Clara has earned recognition from the National Arbor Day Foundation for its effective tree care program.

The Arbor Day/Earth Day event will include guest speakers, information on tree care, and ideas on things everyone can do to help preserve the earth’s natural resources. Guests will include members of the City Council, the Parks & Recreation Commission, and children from local schools. For more information, call 615-3080.



Fish Derby for children ages 3-11

Saturday, April 26



Children ages 3-11 can try their luck at fishing at the annual Fish Derby on Saturday, April 26. This free event will be held from 6-11 a.m. at the Santa Clara Civic Center Plaza, near El Camino Real and Lincoln Avenue. The reflection pool will be transformed into a fishing pond filled with active, healthy trout for the children to catch. Rods and bait will be provided. The Santa Clara Kiwanis Club, Santa Clara Elks Club, Santa Clara Lions Club, Mission City Community Fund, and Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Center will be participating.

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ation Department sponsor this event, with support from a variety of local community groups. Call the Parks & Recreation office at 615-2260 for more information.

41st Santa Clara International Swim Meet

May 15-18

This summer the swimming world gears up for the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China. As part of the competitive build-up, the Toyota Grand Prix series of swimming, a year long series of world class meets, heads to Santa Clara for the 41st Santa Clara International Swim Meet May 15-18. This premier national and international meet will be one of the final tune-ups before the United States Swimming Olympic Trials. Some of the finest swimmers from throughout the United States and the world will be competing in Santa Clara. Already committed are Michael Phelps, Natalie Coughlin, Tara Kirk, Ben Wildman-Tobiner, Brendan Hansen, Peter Vanderkay, Caitlin Leverenz, Matt Greavers, Whitney Meyers, Dana Vollmer, Mary Descenza, Jayme Cramer, and Ryan Lochte, plus top swimmers from Europe, South America, Japan, Canada,

and Australia. Held at the George F. Haines International Swim Center, the invitational meet begins on Thursday, May 15 at 4 p.m. with distance events for both the men and women. Preliminaries begin each day at 9 a.m., with finals starting at 5 p.m. Beginning in April, advanced tickets can be purchased through the Santa Clara Swim Club website at www.santaclaraswimclub.org.

Fiesta Fiesta Ole' in May

May 17

The annual fundraiser for Soroptimist International of Santa Clara is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, from 6:30-10 p.m. at the Triton Museum of Art, 1505 Warburton Ave. Pre-sale tickets are \$40 per person or \$45 per person if purchased at the door. The ticket price includes food, no-host bar, and starter scrip. Proceeds of this annual event benefit local charities. Past recipients have included Santa Clara Valley Victims of Domestic Violence, FISH of Santa Clara for food for needy families, YWCA Rape Crisis Program, Triton Museum of Art for art supplies at the Lucile Salter Packard Children's Hospital, and programs of Soroptimist International of Santa Clara. To reserve tickets, become a sponsor, donate prizes, or for general information, call 310-0540 or 983-0701.



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Be prepared for flu pandemic

It may not be making headlines, but the threat of a flu pandemic is ever-present. An outbreak of a global flu epidemic could arrive with little warning. A major pandemic in Santa Clara County could see more than half a million people getting sick and thousands requiring hospitalization. All types of government services, businesses, and transportation could be affected if thousands of people are all sick at the same time. Schools and workplaces could be closed for extended periods of time.

- Here are a few ideas on how to begin to prepare now:
1. Stock a two-week supply of food and water. If you and your family are sick you may not be able to get to a store, the store may not be open or it may be out of supplies. Select foods that are nonperishable and don't require refrigeration so that they will keep for a long time. Make sure they are easy to prepare in case you are too sick to cook.
 2. Keep a good supply of prescription and nonprescription drugs and health supplies on hand including pain relievers, stomach remedies, cough and cold medicines, fluids with electrolytes. Periodically check expiration dates and replace as needed so your supply is always up to date.
 3. Don't forget to also stockpile pet food, toilet paper, tissues, garbage bags, soap and other basic supplies.

- Every individual and family can help to prevent and/or limit an influenza pandemic by practicing good hygiene.
- Cover your mouth when sneezing or coughing.
 - Wash hands frequently.
 - Circulate fresh air in your home.
 - If someone does get sick, keep them at home but isolated from the rest of the family.
 - Don't send sick kids to school or sick adults to work. That will only cause germs to spread.



Learn how to prepare for disaster

Disasters can strike any time. Whether it is a major earthquake, or a massive storm causing mudslides and flooding, an emergency situation can occur suddenly overwhelming public agencies. For these reasons, it is critically important for residents to be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours after a disaster. Free disaster preparedness 3-hour workshops are being offered by the Santa Clara Fire Department, and are co-sponsored by the American Red Cross. Here is the spring schedule of the free public workshops:

- Monday, March 10, 9 a.m.-12 noon or 6-9 p.m., at Santa Clara Central Library, 2635 Homestead Rd.
- Wednesday, March 26, 6-9 p.m., at Fire Station 2, 1900 Walsh Ave.
- Tuesday, May 6, 9 a.m.-12 noon or 6-9 p.m., at Santa Clara Central Library, 2635 Homestead Rd.
- Saturday, May 17, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Muslim Community Association, 3003 Scott Blvd.
- Saturday, May 31, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Santa Clara Central Library, 2635 Homestead Rd.

In addition to the free disaster preparedness workshops listed above, the more extensive Home Emergency Assistance Team (HEAT) 20-hour training program helps City of Santa Clara employees, residents, and organizations prepare for disaster. Taught by Fire Department staff, HEAT participants learn the teamwork necessary to take care of the masses of injured persons predicted following a disaster. HEAT training sessions begin every few weeks and registration is required. Space is limited for the 3-hour disaster preparedness workshops as well as the 20-hour, five-session HEAT training program. For information on these workshops, contact the Santa Clara Fire Department Training Division at 615-4940.

It's time to change the smoke detector battery



Most fatal fires occur at night while you are asleep. Having a properly maintained and working smoke detector more than doubles your chances of survival. Every home should be protected by smoke detectors. Place a minimum of one smoke detector in every bedroom and in the main corridor outside of all sleeping areas. For multi-story homes, an additional smoke detector should be placed on every floor. But smoke detectors are useless if they are not working. An estimated one-third of the smoke detectors in American homes do not operate, usually because the batteries are dead or they have been removed. The Santa Clara Fire Department recommends a monthly test of smoke detectors and changing the batteries at least once a year. A good way to remember to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors is to do it when it's time to change the clock in the spring and fall. This year, Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 9, and that would be a perfect time to install new batteries. Remember that when there is a fire you have no time. A residential home can be totally consumed in flames in less than five minutes. Since most fires occur between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. while most people are sleeping, the alarm of a smoke detector is your first line of defense. For further information regarding fire and life safety, call the Santa Clara Fire Department Fire Marshal's Office at 615-4970.



More ideas on how you can conserve resources and reduce global warming are contained in the 8-page *Green, Greener, Greenest* insert.

Help protect the environment

A safe way to dispose of household hazardous waste

The first of several drop-off events for Santa Clara residents to safely dispose of household hazardous waste is scheduled for Saturday, April 26. You must call 299-7300 to make an appointment and learn details about location and time.

This is the opportunity to clean out your house, garage, and garden shed and dispose of materials that are toxic and should never go to the landfill, including household cleaners, pesticides, herbicides, pharmaceuticals, paint products, car and household batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, solvents, waste oil, automotive products, and Sharps containers. Ammunition, explosives, and radioactive materials will not be accepted.

Keep storm drains free of construction waste

A major contributor to potential pollution of local creeks and San Francisco Bay is the inappropriate disposal of concrete and cement-related product wastes and allowing them to get into storm drains.

The sign stenciled on most storm drains – “No Dumping – Flows to Bay” – tells the story. Storm drains are not connected to sanitary sewer systems or treatment plants. Whatever goes into storm drains goes into local creeks, rivers, lakes and estuaries, which eventually go to San Francisco Bay, with no treatment, and the resulting pollution can have an adverse effect on fish, invertebrates and the aquatic environment.

As spring and summer approach, many residents consider a home remodeling project or doing some type of construction work on their properties. It is a good time to remember that concrete, mortar and masonry wastes should be kept out of the storm drain system. Whether the work is done by a contractor or by do-it-yourself homeowners, special care must be taken with the handling and disposal of concrete during home improvement projects. The prevention of stormwater pollution is a responsibility shared by everyone involved.

Here are a few guidelines on how to keep construction waste out of the storm drains:

- Establish a cleanup area before starting work.
- Minimize the use of water in cleanup.
- Rinse mixers, tools, and trailers and equipment onto an isolated dirt area where rinse water won't run into the gutter. You can also place a wheelbarrow under the chute and/or other equipment to catch rinse water, and wheel it to a dirt area for disposal.
- Rinse exposed aggregate onto a dirt area away from streets, storm drains or creeks.
- Use the preferred practice for disposing cement wash water, which is to contain the wash water on soil, preferably in a bowl-shaped area to prevent the wash water from flowing out of the washout area.

Concrete/cement wash water is highly alkaline, contains fine sediments and suspended solids that have a detrimental and toxic effect on fish and other aquatic life. Concrete rinsed to the storm drain system will solidify in the curbs, gutters, drains and pipes, restrict water flow, may cause blockages and is prohibited by law.

Make sure you deal only with reputable contractors. If you have any questions about whether a contractor is properly licensed to do the work, contact the California State Contractors License Board at 1-800-321-CSLB (2752). Inform contractors that rinsing trucks or equipment in the street or near a storm drain endangers wildlife in our creeks and the Bay – and it's illegal! If you notice any unusual substance in or around your storm drain or creeks, or if you witness an illegal dumping violation in the City of Santa Clara, immediately call 911.

Remember that you are responsible for your contractor's actions. Together we can keep our creeks and the Bay clean and healthy for fish, wildlife and ourselves. By protecting the storm drains, creeks and the Bay, you are protecting the environment for your children and future generations. Questions? Contact Elliot Weir at 615-3080.

Water facility tours show off Bay protection

Some things in life must work well 24/7, and that includes local water treatment facilities. Hundreds of residents from the eight-city area served by the high-tech facility in San José co-owned by the City of Santa Clara have taken tours to see how it works, what its future holds, and why it's been operating around the clock for over 50 years.

Sitting on 2,700 acres at the edge of one of the world's premier wildlife refuges, the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant treats waste water from sinks, tubs, toilets and industrial processes. Tours feature how it works, its role in environmental protection and the area's economy, and how green it is.

A three-year master planning process starting later in 2008 will engage the public and water experts in exploring new and greener technologies for the Plant. These new technologies will keep the Plant on track to be energy self-sufficient in five years and carbon neutral in 20 years. The plan also will look closely at whether new revenue strategies can offset projected sewer rate increases, how to address rising sea levels and flood control, and how to increase recycled water usage.

A new tour series starts in March, and reservations are required. Children aged 10 and up may attend with their parents. To reserve a tour date or sign up for master plan information, visit www.sanjoseca.gov/esd and select the tour icon, or email Carolina Camarena at carolina.camarena@sanjoseca.gov, or call her at 975-2551.

Businesses invited to apply for Energy Innovator Awards

Santa Clara-based businesses and organizations can show how green they are by applying for an Energy Innovator Award sponsored by Silicon Valley Power, the City's municipal Electric Utility. This first-time awards program will recognize 2007 achievements in three categories:

- ☐ Environmental Innovator for all-around efforts to support energy efficiency and renewable energy
- ☐ Energy Efficiency Partner for outstanding implementation of energy efficiency programs and the application of Silicon Valley Power rebate programs
- ☐ Green Power Champion (renewable energy) for innovative and successful green power purchases and/or for the implementation of other renewable energy programs.

“We are excited by this opportunity to acknowledge and honor local companies and organizations for their innovative support of energy efficiency and renewable energy,” says Larry Owens, Division Manager of Marketing and Customer Service for Silicon Valley Power. “Their contributions should serve as models for the rest of the community.”

Award applications are available online at www.siliconvalleypower.com, by calling 615-5651 or by emailing customerservice@svpower.com. The deadline is Friday, March 14. Completed applications should be sent by mail to: Silicon Valley Power, Attn: Mary Medeiros McEnroe, 1601 Civic Center Dr., Suite 200, Santa Clara, CA 95050.

Winners will be announced in May 2008, and presented with their awards at the Silicon Valley Leadership Group Energy Summit on Friday, June 6, 2008.



Bike-to-Work Day 2008

Whether your concern is global warming, improved health – or both – the annual Bike-to-Work Day is an opportunity to try an alternative to driving to work. The City of Santa Clara is participating in this regional event on Thursday, May 15, and encouraging commuters with an Energizer Station at the northeast corner of El Camino and Lincoln Street from 6:30 to 9 a.m. Free refreshments will be provided to passers-by who are bicycling or walking to work that day.

The event is sponsored by the City's Bicycle Advisory Committee. More information can be found on <http://bicycling.511.org/btwd.htm>.





UTILITIES UPDATE

Cost of solid waste disposal

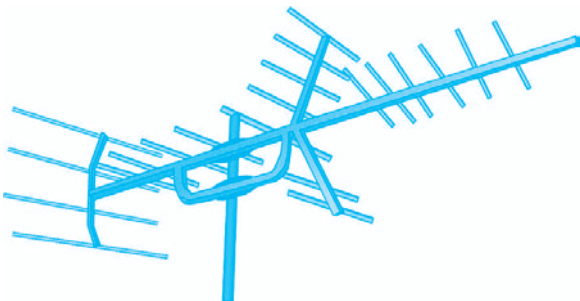
The City of Santa Clara subsidizes some of the cost of solid waste disposal; less than 2% of the annual total costs are paid from the General Fund Operating Budget. The report below lists

the actual costs (on average) per household for the fourth quarter of 2007. Questions about this information may be addressed to the Street Department at 615-2063.

Household Solid Waste Disposal Costs				
2007 Quarter	Tons of solid waste collected in quarter	Single family residences (monthly average)	Average monthly volume of solid waste per single family household (lbs.)	
4th	7,054 tons	22,163 residences	212 lbs. per month	
The cost for providing collection, transportation and disposal of this solid waste was as follows:				
Monthly	Monthly tonnage collected	Cost of collection & disposal	Cost per ton	Average cost per residence per month
Oct 2007	2,415	\$ 433,987	\$ 180	\$ 19.59
Nov 2007	2,476	\$ 446,335	\$ 180	\$ 20.14
Dec 2007	2,163	\$ 437,036	\$ 187	\$ 19.71
Total 4th Quarter	7,054	\$1,317,358	\$ 187	\$ 19.82

Revenue collected for household solid waste disposal costs for this quarter was \$1,313,998.

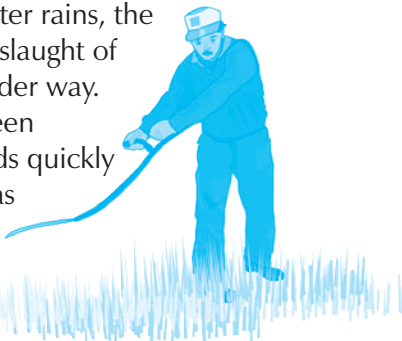
What to do with old television antennas



- Cable television and satellite dishes are replacing the traditional rooftop television antenna. Antennas no longer in use can be disposed of easily in one of three convenient ways:
- 1) Antennas can be broken into small pieces and put in the black garbage cart for disposal through the City's weekly curbside collection program.
 - 2) Place antennas curbside during the Annual Clean-Up Campaign, which runs from March 31 through April 25, 2008.
 - 3) Sims Metal America in San Jose will pay for old television antennas taken to their 1900 Monterey Road facility. No appointment is needed. Call 494-4200 for more information.

Clear weeds and dried vegetation from your property

- Fueled by winter rains, the annual spring onslaught of weeds is well under way. The beautiful green grasses and weeds quickly dry out as soon as temperatures rise. Unabated weeds can harbor rodents and pose a fire hazard as well as being a blight for neighboring properties. The Fire Department urges residents to survey their property and clear any dried vegetation that could pose a hazard. Weeds can be cut, pulled or mowed. Sprays are also available that can be applied during the early spring to prevent the weeds from growing. If your property is considered a burrowing owl habitat and there are owls inhabiting your property, care must be taken not to disturb the nesting sites since law protects the owls. The preferred and recommended method for abating weeds on properties that contain burrowing owls is mowing since this has the least impact on the owls. For questions or complaints regarding weeds, contact the Office of the Fire Marshal at 615-4970.



May is Water Awareness Month



- The City of Santa Clara joins hundreds of other water utilities throughout the U.S. in observing May as Water Awareness Month. The City's Water Utility is committed to providing a safe, reliable, high quality supply of drinking water to residents and businesses. Conservation efforts help to ensure an adequate supply of water in the future.
- The City of Santa Clara has a number of ways to help you save water. You can pick up information, free hose nozzles, low flow showerheads and aerators at the Water & Sewer Utilities office in the west wing of City Hall at 1500 Warburton Ave. To obtain an assessment of the water use inside and outside your home, request a free Water Wise House Call by calling (800) 548-1882. A trained water surveyor will come to your home or apartment complex and review your water use, provide low flow showerheads and aerators (if needed), and make other water wise recommendations including an annual irrigation schedule for your lawn.
- For more information about water and water conservation, contact the City of Santa Clara Water & Sewer Utilities at 615-2000 or visit our website http://santaclaraca.gov/pub_utility/ws_conservation_programs.html.

Standing water increases risk of West Nile Virus

- Winter rains have filled every nook and cranny of properties in Santa Clara with water. Standing water and warming temperatures of spring and summer attract mosquitoes and increase the risk of West Nile Virus.
- Even an inch of water in flowerpots, planters, outdoor toys, buckets, kiddie pools, faucets and sprinklers can be a breeding ground for mosquitoes. West Nile Virus is transmitted to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito.
- All residents can help protect the health of themselves, their families, their neighbors and their community by taking the following actions:
- Drain or dump standing water and check weekly to make sure more water has not accumulated.
 - Have tight-fitting screens without rips or tears on every door and window. Treat screen and doorjamb with products labeled for mosquito control.
 - Wear long sleeves and pants when outdoors at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.
- To report problems with mosquitoes and standing water, call Santa Clara County Vector Control District at 918-4770. For questions about West Nile Virus, call the Santa Clara County Public Health Department Disease Prevention and Control Program at 885-4214.



Santa Clara roads best in the Bay Area

- The City of Santa Clara has been recognized by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for "Best All-Around Pavement Management Program – 2007" from among 109 jurisdictions in nine Bay Area counties. The award was based on a three-year average of pavement condition index (PCI) and dollars/quality of preventative maintenance programs.
- Top score for Best Bay Area Roads went to Brentwood in Contra Costa County with an 85 PCI. Santa Clara came in second in this category with an 84 PCI.



Clean-Up Campaign - March 31 to April 25, 2008

Santa Clara’s 48th Annual Clean-Up Campaign will begin on March 31, 2008 and continue through April 25. This is your opportunity to set out bulky wastes and discards not routinely collected by weekly garbage, Clean Green and recycling collection services. Please read the following information carefully to help make the 2008 Clean-Up Campaign a success.

Collection Areas and Dates

The City has been divided into four collection areas (see map). Information on collection areas, weeks and setout dates can be found in this article and in the 2008 City Calendar or in your February utility bill insert.

Area #1 (March 31, 2008): Both sides of Monroe Street. Set out material beginning Saturday, March 29, and not later than 7 a.m. on Monday, March 31.

Area #2 (April 7, 2008): Both sides of Homestead Road between San Tomas Expressway and Lawrence Expressway. Set out material beginning Saturday, April 5, and not later than 7 a.m. on Monday, April 7.

Area #3 (April 14, 2008): Both sides of Newhall Street between Saratoga Avenue and Winchester Boulevard. Both sides of Saratoga Avenue between Scott Boulevard and Pruneridge Avenue. North side of Pruneridge Avenue between Saratoga Avenue and Lawrence Expressway. Set out material beginning Saturday, April 12, and not later than 7 a.m. on Monday, April 14.

Area #4 (April 21, 2008): South side of Pruneridge Avenue and north side of Pruneridge Avenue west of Lawrence Expressway and east of Saratoga Avenue. Set out material beginning Saturday, April 19, and not later than 7 a.m. on Monday, April 21.

What will and won’t be collected

Materials for the Clean-Up Campaign should be placed in the gutter in front of your house before 7 a.m. on the Monday of your designated collection week.

- NO food or bathroom waste, garbage, automobiles, automobile parts containing fluids, medical waste, liquids, explosives, ammunition, or hazardous wastes (including batteries or fluorescent bulbs or tubes) will be accepted.
- Contractor-generated materials (construction or demolition debris, landscaping debris, tree trimmings/removal) are subject to a charge of \$25 per cubic yard.
- Appliances, tires and e-waste (i.e., electronic waste; anything requiring a plug or battery to operate) cannot go into the landfill and should be set out separately from the rest of your CUC materials. Special crews will pick up these items. It is the owner’s responsibility to remove any door with latch mechanisms prior to setout to prevent accidents.
- Brush, branches, and wood should be cut to 6-foot lengths, stacked separately from other materials and placed parallel to the curb. Green waste can also be disposed of through the weekly Clean Green collection program at no extra charge.
- Hazardous materials may be disposed of through the County’s Household Hazardous Drop-Off Program on April 26. Call 299-7300 for an appointment.

Follow the rules

- Park vehicles in your garage or driveway during your assigned collection week so it is easier for Clean-Up crews to maneuver. If you must park on the street, please park at least five feet away from piles.
- Use the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Program to dispose of hazardous waste (paint, batteries, cleaners, oil, antifreeze, pesticides, solvents, thinners, chlorine, fluorescent bulbs/tubes, etc). These materials pose a health and safety risk to Clean-Up crews and the environment when placed in piles. A Household Hazardous Waste drop-off event will be held in Santa Clara on Saturday, April 26. You can make an appointment to attend the Santa Clara drop-off event, or any of the other schedule

- drop-off events held throughout the County, by calling 299-7300. Illegal set-out of hazardous materials is subject to a \$500 fine. See the City website for more information on disposal of batteries, or call 615-2063.
- Do not set out materials in the street before the Saturday prior to your assigned collection week. Early set-outs alert people who do not live in Santa Clara that the Clean-Up Campaign is starting. Illegal dumping and scavenging are more prevalent in areas with early set-outs. Early set-outs (prior to the Saturday preceding your collection week) are subject to a \$100 fine.
- If you witness illegal dumping, get the driver and vehicle description, and vehicle license number and call 615-3080 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or 615-5580 (after 4 p.m. and weekends).
- A total of one cubic yard of concrete, asphalt, dirt, brick, rock, stone or sod generated from a single residence will be collected at no charge.
- Late set out material will be collected for a fee of \$25 per cubic yard. Late set-outs are materials placed in the street after 7 a.m. on the Monday of your collection week.
- Do not place piles in front of curbs painted red for “No Parking,” as large piles can obstruct the view of motorists pulling out of driveways. Do not place piles in alleys or private streets. Do not place piles against fences, retaining walls, hydrants, or landscaping.
- Materials must be placed in the street, by the curb, in front of the house where the materials are generated (if a private street, materials must be placed on nearest public street). Placing materials in front of a neighbor’s house will be construed as illegal dumping.
- Do NOT trim or remove City street trees. This is a violation of City Code 12.35.020 and subject to a \$1,000 fine. Call 615-3080 for more information.
- Violation notices will be left at homes where materials have been improperly set out. If you have questions about what can be set out or need assistance in determining which collection area you live in, please contact the Street Department at 615-3080.

Reminder: Many items that are placed out each year can be reused or recycled. Please use the following list to call non-profit organizations to collect usable items:

- Hope Rehabilitation Services
748-2875
- United Cancer Research Society
(800) 443-4224
- RAFT – Resource Area For Teachers
451-1420
- United Cerebral Palsy
279-3013
- St. Vincent de Paul
993-9500
- Salvation Army
958-7825
- Cityteam Family Services
293-4657
- American Cancer Society
265-5535
- San Jose Family Shelter
926-8885
- Santa Clara Children’s Shelter
558-5400

For additional organizations that accept items for reuse, please contact the County Recycling Hotline at (800) 533-8414. For additional information on the Annual Clean-Up Campaign, or how to dispose of items such as electronics and other e-waste, please contact the City at 615-3080.

48th Annual Clean-up Campaign

1st WEEK SET OUT MATERIALS BEGINNING SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2008 AND NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2008, BEFORE 7:00 AM

2nd WEEK SET OUT MATERIALS BEGINNING SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2008 AND NO LATER THAN MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008, BEFORE 7:00 AM.

3rd WEEK SET OUT MATERIALS BEGINNING SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2008 AND NO LATER THAN MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008, BEFORE 7:00 AM

4th WEEK SET OUT MATERIALS BEGINNING SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2008 AND NO LATER THAN MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008, BEFORE 7:00 AM.

Please read the notes below if you live on a street that is a collection area border.
CALL 615-3080 BETWEEN 8:00 AM AND 4:00 PM IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

Week 1 Note:
• Both sides of Monroe are in first week

Week 2 Note:
• Both sides of Homestead between San Tomas & Lawrence are in Week 2

Week 3 Notes:
• Both sides of Newhall between Saratoga and Winchester are in Week 3
• Both sides of Saratoga between Scott & Pruneridge are in Week 3
• North side of Pruneridge between Saratoga and Lawrence is in Week 3

Week 4 Notes:
• South side of Pruneridge and north side of Pruneridge west of Lawrence Expressway and east of Saratoga are in Week 4





Employment Opportunities

POLICE OFFICER & RECRUIT POLICE OFFICER:

Police Officer monthly salary range is \$7,741 - \$9,877. Recruit Police Officer monthly salary starts at \$5,850. Both positions require one of the following: Without experience, applicants must have completed sixty (60) semester units or ninety (90) quarter units of academic level course work at an accredited college or university; or applicants with two (2) years full-time, paid, recent police experience with a sheriff's department, state police, highway patrol, or municipal police department must have completed thirty (30) semester units or forty-five (45) quarter units of academic level courses at an accredited college or university. Applicants for Police Officer also require proof of completion of a Basic Peace Officer Academy certified by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis for both positions. Please file by April 29, 2008 for the May 17, 2008 written examination.

Please submit City application to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or fax 247-5627.

COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCHER I:

Communications Dispatcher I monthly salary range is \$5,328 - \$6,459. Requires graduation from high school or possession of a GED and one year of paid employment experience requiring independent decision-making and a high level of public contact, preferably a public safety related position. Possession of a current P.O.S.T. Basic Dispatch certificate is desirable and may be substituted for six (6) months of the employment experience. Possession of a P.O.S.T. Basic Dispatch certificate and a Medical Priorities Dispatching System (MPDS) certificate is required prior to completion of the probationary period. A typing certificate, dated no earlier than 6 months prior to application filing, showing the required typing speed of 30 net words per minute, is required at time of application. Candidates who have taken the POST dispatcher examination within the last six months may submit verification of scores in lieu of taking the performance examination. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please submit City application and typing certificate to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or fax 247-5627.

COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCHER II:

Communications Dispatcher II monthly salary range is: \$5,723 - \$6,951. Requires graduation from high school or possession of a GED; and the equivalent of one of the following: (a) two years of paid employment experience in public safety dispatching within the past five years; or (b) five years of current paid employment with a public safety agency or private emergency medical services agency, with high level Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), radio and/or telephone operation; or (c) successful completion of a probationary period as a Communications Dispatcher I with the City of Santa Clara. Possession of a current P.O.S.T. Basic Dispatch certificate is desirable and may be substituted for six months of the employment experience. Classroom education involving fire science or law enforcement related studies is highly desirable. A typing certificate, dated no earlier than 6 months prior to application filing,

showing the required typing speed of 30 net words per minute, is required at time of application. Candidates who have taken the POST dispatcher examination within the last six months may submit verification of scores in lieu of taking the performance examination. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please submit City application and typing certificate to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or fax 247-5627.

ELECTRIC UTILITY GENERATION TECHNICIAN:

Electric Utility Generation Technician monthly salary range is \$6,926 - \$8,431. Requires graduation from high school or its equivalent and four (4) years of electric generation operation and maintenance experience in a medium-sized electric generation power plant or equivalent, including two (2) years of experience above the entry level. Three years of operations and maintenance level experience above the entry level with work assignments in City of Santa Clara combined cycle generation facilities may substitute for the above experience requirements. Two (2) additional years of electric generation operation and maintenance experience with an electric generation power plant or the equivalent is highly desirable. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please submit City application to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or fax 247-5627.

ELECTRICIAN:

Electrician monthly salary range is \$6,436 - \$7,814. Requires graduation from high school or its equivalent and status as a journey-level electrician and/or completion of a formal electrician apprenticeship program. Certification of required journey level electrician status and/or completion of a formal electrician apprenticeship program must be provided. Journey level experience working for an electric utility maintaining high voltage substation equipment or journey level experience maintaining solid state traffic signal equipment, or solid state supervisory control systems is desirable. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please submit City application and electrician certification to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or fax 247-5627.

JOURNEY LINEWORKER:

Journey Lineworker monthly salary range is \$6,436 - \$7,814. Requires graduation from high school or possession of a G.E.D.; and completion of a recognized three (3) year apprenticeship program as a Lineworker. Certification of apprenticeship program must be provided at time of application. Possession of a valid California Class A Driver's license is required, or possession of a valid Class C license at the time of employment and the ability to obtain Class A within six months of employment. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please apply by formal application to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or fax 247-5627.

POLICE RECORDS SPECIALIST II:

Police Records Specialist II monthly salary range is \$4,942 - \$6,020. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Requires graduation from high school or its equivalent; and two years of clerical and typing experience. College education with special emphasis in police administration or related fields may be substituted for the required work experience on a year-for-year basis. A typing certificate, dated no earlier than 6 months prior to application filing, showing the required typing speed of 50 net words per minute, is required at time of application. Possession of an appropriate, valid California driver's license is required at time of appointment. A background investigation will be conducted prior to appointment. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please submit City application and typing certificate to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or fax 247-5627.

For additional job opportunities available at the City of Santa Clara, please visit our website at www.santaclaraca.gov or call our Job Hotline at 615-JOBS. EOE.



Voters Approve Measures A & B on February Ballot – 90 N. Winchester Project/Former BAREC Site

Voters in the City of Santa Clara approved Measures A and B in the Special Municipal Election held on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, in conjunction with the Presidential Primary Election. Approved were the General Plan Amendment for the Santa Clara Gardens project and the granting of a Density Bonus for the Senior Housing Project element of the project. The project moving forward is on approximately 17 acres of surplus land owned by the State of California, located at 90 N. Winchester Boulevard. The property is the former site of the University of California's Bay Area Research and Extension Center (BAREC). The approved project includes up to 165 units of affordable senior housing with approximately 2.5 acres of garden area, 110 units of market rate housing, and a 1-acre public park. The Santa Clara Gardens project was previously approved by the City Council in June of 2007. Following that, the item was placed on the ballot through the referendum process by the Save BAREC coalition, putting the General Plan Amendment and Density Bonus on the ballot, where it was subsequently approved by the voters. The project developers are expected to proceed with the project as described.



Resources for job seekers and employers

Do you need help finding a job, preparing for an interview, or obtaining cutting-edge training? Are you an employer in need of recruitment services? Resources for both job seekers and employers are available from NOVA, a workforce development organization dedicated to providing innovative, high-quality services to job seekers and businesses in Santa Clara, Cupertino, Los Altos, Milpitas, Mountain View, Palo Alto, and Sunnyvale.

NOVA works closely with local businesses, educators and government to ensure that its programs serve to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to address the workforce needs of Silicon Valley. Services for job seekers include job search workshops, one-on-one counseling, labor market information and subsidized training. Programs are also available for special populations, including veterans, individuals with disabilities, and older workers. Youth may access the award-winning Youth@Work database of job listings found online at www.youthatwork.org. Because NOVA is funded by federal and state grants, most programs are offered at no cost to participants.

The NOVA Workforce Board also oversees CONNECT!, a collaborative of more than 30 agencies and educational institutions dedicated to providing customized employment and training solutions to job seekers and businesses throughout Silicon Valley. The hub of this collaborative is the CONNECT! Job Seeker Center, located at 420 South Pastoria Ave. in Sunnyvale. This one-stop center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and consists of a number of resources, including computers, a job-search library, and knowledgeable staff available to assist with your specific employment needs.

NOVA's services to businesses consist of pre-layoff assistance, staffing and recruitment, and professional development programs all provided at no cost to local employers.

For additional information on NOVA, call 730-7232 or visit the website www.novaworks.org.

Mission College partners on B.A. degrees

Mission College is partnering with two other educational institutions so that students can take courses at Mission College and earn a bachelor's degree.

The collaboration with the University of Indiana requires students earn 90 units of credit at Mission College, then take an additional 30 units of upper-division courses via online and/or correspondence. When the necessary units are completed, students will have earned a Bachelor of General Studies degree, which is comparable to a Liberal Arts Degree. The units completed at Mission College are only \$20 each. The coursework for Indiana University is at its resident rate, which is lower than fees at San Jose State or other California State Universities.

The second joint program is a Bachelor of Arts degree in business that can be earned from Menlo College, while taking upper division coursework at Mission College. The classes meet for four hours, one night each week, for six weeks, to accommodate the schedule of busy a working professional. Once the program is completed, a B.A. Degree in Professional Studies is earned from Menlo College — all without leaving the City of Santa Clara!

Financial aid is available. For more information contact Mission College's Transfer Center by calling 855-5114 or sending an email inquiry to: susan_monahan@wvm.edu.

VTA's bus service has changed



In an effort to provide improved transportation service to the public, the Santa Clara Valley

Transportation Authority (VTA) entered a new era of bus service in January. The newly revamped system includes more frequent service on many major routes, expanded express bus service, a significant increase in low-fare community bus routes, scheduling and/or route alterations for 57 routes and the discontinuation of seven underutilized ones.

To ensure an easy transition to the new service, VTA has added interactive maps and online trip planning to its website. Community outreach also includes personal trip planning sessions, free informational materials and live customer service and trip planning via VTA's customer service line or at VTA's downtown Customer Service Center.

For additional details about VTA's new bus service, visit www.vta.org or contact VTA Customer Service: 321-2300; TDD only: 321-2330; or from 650 area code and South Santa Clara County toll area: (800) 894-9908. VTA's customer service team is available to assist in multiple languages for individuals requiring such services.

SVACA gives animals a second chance at a good life



Trinity found a home.

Donations are being sought to expand care to homeless animals through the Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority's (SVACA) Animal Assistance Fund. Donations may be used to rehabilitate sick or injured animals that require specialized veterinary care and to provide additional comfort and space for animals in SVACA's Animal Care Center located at 3370 Thomas Rd. in Santa Clara.

"SVACA understands that animals play a vital role in the lives of the people we serve," said Dan Soszynski, Executive Director of SVACA. "We are committed to providing top notch service to the residents and the animals of our community, but we cannot do it alone. The Animal Assistance Fund enables the community to help SVACA help the animals."

Donations were recently used to help a dog named Trinity, who was found with an untreated broken leg by Animal Control Officer Antje Morris responding to a call about possible animal abuse from concerned neighbors. The owner admitted she could not provide the required care and decided to surrender the dog.

Trinity was examined by a veterinarian who determined that the dog's leg needed to be amputated. Dr. Kureshi of Cupertino Animal Hospital generously donated his time and performed the surgery. SVACA's Animal Assistance Fund was used to cover surgical expenses. After Trinity recovered from the surgery, she was quickly adopted into a new home.

"Through a caring passerby who reported the abuse, the generous contribution of Dr. Kureshi, and the many folks who have donated to our Animal Assistance Fund, Trinity truly received a second chance at life," said Officer Morris. "This case is an excellent example of what SVACA does on a regular basis to make a difference for animals."

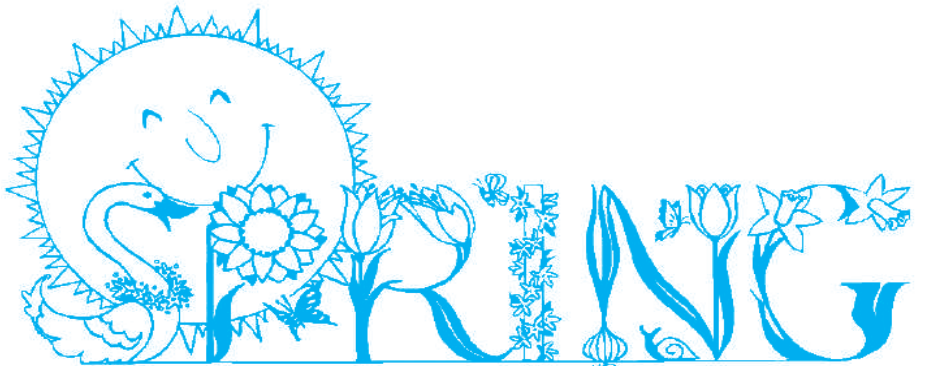
Animal abuse in Santa Clara can be reported to SVACA by calling 764-0344. Tax deductible donations to the Animal Assistance Fund can be sent to SVACA's Animal Assistance Fund, 3370 Thomas Rd., Santa Clara, CA, 95054. For more information contact SVACA at 764-0344 or visit www.svaca.com.

Santa Clara's nonprofit partners

The City of Santa Clara contracts with a number of local nonprofit agencies for the provision of community services. These agencies are funded by either the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement program or the Redevelopment Agency Affordable Housing Fund program. The objective is to provide funding support to assist persons and households that are low income. Provision of public services by these agencies is reviewed annually by the City for consideration of continued funding support. Here are a few of the agencies, the services that they provide for Santa Clara, and their contact telephone numbers (area codes are 408 unless otherwise noted):

- Project Sentinel (fair housing services, information and referral, investigation), (650) 321-6291
- Catholic Charities Shared Housing (shared housing services for families and single-parents with children), 325-5277
- Bill Wilson Center (counseling for youth and families), 243-0222
- Support Network for Battered Women (counseling, legal services, emergency shelter), 541-6100
- Second Harvest Food Bank, Operation Brown Bag (provision of food staples for seniors), 266-8866
- Senior Adult Legal Services (SALA) (individual counseling on legal issues for seniors), 295-5991

A complete list of the City's community service non-profit partners are found on the City's website at http://santaclaraca.gov/plan_inspection/hou_npp.html or call the Housing & Community Services Division at 615-2490.





Library Update

Library programs for children, parents

A variety of programs for children and parents will be offered this spring by the Santa Clara City Library.

On Tuesday, April 15, *HAPPY BIRDS*, a troupe of performing parrots, will present a program for ages 4 and older at 7 p.m. Space is limited, and hands will be stamped for entry to this program beginning at 6:30 p.m. Latecomers will not be admitted—no exceptions.

Ballet Folklorico will perform for children and teens ages 6-18 years on Wednesday, April 30 at 7 p.m. to celebrate Children's Day/Book Day, also known as El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Dia). This is a celebration of children, families, and reading held annually on April 30. It emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

Other programs for youth include weekly storytimes and monthly Book Discussion groups focused on popular and award-winning children's fiction. Book Discussions for students in 3rd and 4th grade are scheduled for Thursdays, March 20 and April 17, from 4-5 p.m. Students in 5th and 6th grade will gather to discuss books on Wednesdays, March 26 and April 30 from 5-6 p.m. More information on these programs is available on the Children's Calendar on the Library's website, www.library.santaclaraca.gov.

A lecture series for parents, featuring speakers from Santa Clara Adult Education, is also scheduled this spring at the Library:

- A three-part series on "Emergent Literacy" will be held Monday, March 3, 10, and 17 at 7 p.m. These talks by Jean Wilson focus on the importance of literacy for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.
- On Monday, April 7, Mina Mathur presents "Language Development in Young Children (0-5)" at 7 p.m.
- On Monday, April 21, Anna Welsh presents "Promoting Self-Esteem In Our Children" at 7 p.m.
- Santa Clara Adult Education presents: "Mom, I'm Bored! How to Really Play With Your Kids" on Monday, May 12 at 7 p.m.
- On Saturday, May 17, Jean Wilson presents a repeat of the "Emergent Literacy" series. The three part program will be presented sequentially, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Register for each free event at the Youth Services Desk, or call 615-2916.

More volunteers needed for literacy tutoring



"What makes tutoring rewarding to me? It is the eagerness and happiness on my learner's face when he knows he is making progress ... It is the many people I've met and friendships I've found ... It is the knowledge that I am sharing my skills to

help someone gain skills of their own. It is the hope that this effort that my learner and I are both making will have a positive impact on his life, long after we cease meeting each week," says Marilyn, a volunteer tutor in Read Santa Clara, Santa Clara City Library's literacy program.

For the past 12 years, Read Santa Clara's volunteer tutors have helped more than 100 adult learners seeking to improve the basic reading, writing, and math skills they need to do everyday tasks, such as reading to their children, filling out a job application, or reading medicine labels.

More volunteers are needed so that more people in the community can benefit from this effective program. Interested individuals are invited to attend one of the volunteer orientations scheduled for Thursday, March 6, Tuesday, April 8, and Tuesday, April 22. All the orientations will be held 6:30-8 p.m. at the Mission Library Family Reading Center, 1098 Lexington

St. No prior teaching experience is needed. The literacy program offers 12.5 hours of training to volunteer tutors. Volunteers are required to commit to at least two hours a week for a minimum period of six months.

"When I came to America, I could not read or write, but I had faith in myself... Now I can write my own name, and can read a few sentences. If you can read and write, no one can fool you or cheat you. Like a baby taking its first steps, I am happy to be starting to read," wrote one learner of her experience with Read Santa Clara.

To learn more, call 615-2956 or email: ReadSantaClara@santaclaraca.gov.

Spring genealogy programs at Central Park Library

A series of monthly programs will be presented at the Central Park Library this spring by the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society. All programs run from 7-9 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

On Tuesday, March 18, Local History Librarian Mary Hanel will discuss the "Latest Resources for Genealogists at the Central Park Library and from the Library Homepage." In the past year, a number of important new databases and some excellent genealogy books have been acquired by the Library.

On Tuesday, April 15, Debbie Shields, past President of the Genealogical Society, who has used genealogy software since 1993, will talk about "Choosing Genealogy Software." In addition to a discussion of features, there will be user demonstrations of favorite features of the most popular genealogy programs.

The series concludes on Wednesday, May 20, when Al Dutra, President of the Board of Directors of the Portuguese Historical Museum located in Kelley Park in San Jose, will discuss the heritage of the Portuguese in Santa Clara County.

Also scheduled this spring is a free two-part Genealogy Beginner's Seminar at the Library. Part I on Saturday, April 26, from 1-4 p.m. will cover "Getting Started: organizing your information with genealogy forms and documenting your sources." Part 2 on Saturday, May 3, from 1-4 p.m. will discuss "How to search US Census records and how to use the Internet for genealogy research." Both seminars require reservations. To sign up, email scchgs@hotmail.com, leave your name and phone number on the Society's answer machine at 615-2986, or register in the Central Park Library Heritage Pavilion.

For more information on any of these programs, contact Local History Librarian Mary Hanel by phone: 615-2909 or email: mhanel@santaclaraca.gov.

Chocolate Party for library supporters

Volunteers, donors and members of the Foundation & Friends of the Santa Clara City Library are invited to a Chocolate Party on Wednesday, March 12, when a vote will be taken on which programs to fund this year from the \$10,000 raised from book sales. The chocolate reception begins at 6 p.m. with presentations on funding requests from 6:30-7 p.m. For information, contact Maria Daane at 615-2987.

Read library blog for news and tips

The Library is keeping the community up-to-date on new programs and services – and providing interesting tidbits of local history – on the library's blog, which debuted last fall. It can be viewed by clicking on "go to blog" on the library website homepage: www.library.santaclaraca.gov.

The Circulation, Youth Services, Administration, Mission Library Family Reading Center, and Reference departments of the Library have all taken turns posting blog items that range from dates of upcoming book sales, to background on research databases, special collections, and other services available to the public. Each item contains links to other areas of the library's website or related websites.

The Reference department is posting items about what happened on a particular date in Santa Clara history 50 or 100 or more years ago. For example, on January 7, the blog informed viewers that it was the date when a formal treaty was signed to end the Battle of Santa Clara, the only campaign in the Northern District between the Californios and United States forces during the Mexican War, 1846-1848. The treaty was signed in the area that is now Civic Center Park, where a historic marker is found.

Use the bookmark feature on your browser to get quick access to the Library blog, or to subscribe go to <http://scclnews.blogspot.com/feeds/posts/default> for an RSS feed.

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Little Heathens author speaks April 16

Author Mildred Armstrong Kalish will discuss her book, *Little Heathens*, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, in the Cedar Room of the Central Park Library. The memoir of the depression years on a farm is full of humor and charm (and a number of recipes).

Millie, who currently lives in Cupertino, was born on a farm in Iowa in 1922 and later became a professor of English. *Little Heathens* was chosen as one of the 10 best books of 2007 by the *New York Times*.

"My growing up was influenced by the Great Depression, by the self-reliance and work ethic of my mother's parents—themselves descendants of pioneers—who never quite made it into the 20th century, and by the remarkable challenges and the inestimable rewards of living a rural life where children were expected to accept responsibilities beyond the ordinary," Kalish said.

Sign up for this entertaining and enlightening evening by stopping by the Central Park Library Reference Desk, or calling 615-2900.

Reading 100-year-old newspapers

Local history is brought to life when looking at newspapers from more than 100 years ago. Researchers now have more opportunities to step back in time now that fragile issues of the *Santa Clara Journal* dating from December 1890 through December 1899 have been scanned and microfilmed at the Central Park Library Heritage Pavilion.

The preservation project was funded by the Foundation & Friends of the Santa Clara City Library and proceeds from a Santa Clara Historic Home Tour. The Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society plans to index obituaries and business advertisements from these newspapers.

Here are excerpts from the March 6, 1898 issue. The front page was dominated by advertisements from Santa Clara College, Santa Clara Shaving Parlors, Jacob Eberhard - Tanner, Currier and Wool-Puller, Dr. H.H. Warburton, M.D. - Physician and Surgeon, Andrew P. Hill - Photographer and Painter, Dr. Geo. H. Worrall - Dentist, and Drs. Smith & Paul. Local news included these two items:

- ❑ The Charter Election: "Santa Clara is on the eve of a charter election...During the next year there will be put into circulation \$60,000 in the construction of an extensive water plant, to be owned by the town..."
- ❑ The Franchise Meeting: "Every taxpayer and citizen, whether in favor of, or against the proposed motor road to Saratoga, should turn out to the meeting of the Town Board tomorrow evening..."

For more information about the Santa Clara City newspapers microfilm collection, which also includes microfilm from 1901 through 1980, contact Local History Librarian Mary Hanel by phone: 615-2909 or by email: mhanel@santaclearaca.gov.

Santa Clara Police Activities League classes



on Thursday evenings, March 6 – April 10, 2008, at the Cabrillo Middle School Cafeteria, 2550 Cabrillo Ave. A session from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. will be held for ages 7 and under; a second session from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. will be for ages 8 and older. Registration will be on March 6, one half hour before each respective class. Class members should wear loose clothing such as sweat suits or a Gi judo uniform if available. The registration fee is \$25 for the six-week session. For more information, contact Coach Watanabe at 278-5627, or the P.A.L. office at 615-4880.

Wrestling Winter/Spring 2008 – Offered for both boys and girls, the fundamentals of high school and Olympic freestyle wrestling is another program sponsored by Santa Clara P.A.L., and is open to all residents of Santa Clara and/or students of the Santa Clara Unified School District, ages 5 – 17. Coaches Ted Pettigrew of Wilcox High School and Jim Wilks of Cabrillo Middle School will instruct students, assisted by members of the Wilcox High School Wrestling Team. The winter/spring session will be held on

P.A.L. Judo Club 2008 – Boys and girls, learn the fundamentals of judo from Coach Keith Watanabe. The PAL Judo Club will be taking signups for a beginning judo class that will run for six weeks

Monday evenings, March 3 through April 7, 2008, at the Cabrillo Middle School Cafeteria, 2550 Cabrillo Ave. The first session from 5 to 6:45 p.m. is for ages 5 through 11; the second session from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. will be for ages 12 through 17. Signups are now being accepted Monday through Thursdays, 1 to 5 p.m., at the Santa Clara P.A.L. office, Santa Clara Police Department, 601 El Camino Real, Third Floor, Room 311. You may also register during the first session on March 3. Registration fee is \$35 and includes a P.A.L. t-shirt, lessons and insurance; a birth certificate must be submitted with each application unless one is already on file with the P.A.L. office. No refunds. For more information, contact Officer Patti Lynch, 615-4880.

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- Analyzing the potential expansion and current costs of a proposed 1,800-space, publicly funded parking garage in order to meet the parking needs of both the stadium and the Theme Park. The City has committed up to \$42 million for the construction of a garage to serve the Santa Clara Convention Center. The final cost, location and who would pay for an expanded garage will also be a discussion item.

For further information on the 49er proposal and City analysis of the project, visit the City's website at www.santaclearaca.gov.



SANTA CLARA SENIOR CENTER SERVICES 1303 Fremont Street Phone: 408.615.3170

- ❖ **Attic Insulation** Pre-set Income Criteria. Call 408/971-0888
- ❖ **Blood Pressure** Wed. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Drop-in
Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri. By appointment
- ❖ **BART Tickets** Available at Senior Center Cost: \$9.00 Value: \$24.00
- ❖ **VTA Bus Pass** Picture taken at County \$20.00 Monthly Bus Sticker
Transit & Senior Center Sold at Senior Center
- ❖ **Case Management** Call Council on Aging Donations Accepted
Call 408/296-8290
- ❖ **Fitness Room** Monday Through Thursday, 7 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Friday, 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Grab Bars/Ramps/Repairs** . Low-interest rate. For City of
Santa Clara Homeowners Call 408/615-2490
- ❖ **Health Insurance** Barbara Purdy Free service by appointment
Call 408/615-3170
- ❖ **Home Care Info./Referral Service** Susan Bates Donations Accepted
Scheduled hrs. Call 408/615-3170
- ❖ **Income Tax** Scheduled Appointments Free Service
Call 408/615-3170
- ❖ **Legal Assistance** Age Limit: 60+ By appt. only
Call 408/615-3170
- ❖ **Notary Service** Second Mondays By appt. only
Call 408/615-3170
- ❖ **Nursing Assessment for Homebound** . . . Free Service by Appt. Call 408/615-3170
- ❖ **Nursing Consultant** . . . Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri. By appt. only
Suzanne Avina, R.N., MSN
Marian Ecklund, R.N., M.ED. Call 408/615-3170
- ❖ **Nutrition Program** Donation \$2.00 Reservations Req.
Mon.-Fri., 11:30 a.m. Call 408/615-3174
- ❖ **Outreach** Free Information Service. Call 408/436-2865
- ❖ **Catholic Charities Housing** Call 408/325-5277

The Senior Center Office Hours are as follows:
Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. • Friday, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. • Sunday, Closed



Every month is earthquake month



April is Earthquake Preparedness Month, but every month should be earthquake preparedness month because of the high probability of a major earthquake (magnitude of 7.0 or larger) occurring on the San Andreas, Hayward, or Rodgers Creek faults in the San Francisco Bay Area during the next 30 years. That could mean in 2038, or it could be tomorrow.

When a major earthquake occurs, you might be without direct assistance from public agencies for up to 72 hours. Are you prepared to be self-sufficient? Is your family? Your neighborhood? Check out the Emergency Preparedness Guidelines posted on the City of Santa Clara website, sign up for a H.E.A.T. class (see page 6), and review with your family these tips on what to do during and after an earthquake.

- During the earthquake:**
- Drop:** When you feel an earthquake, drop under a sturdy desk or table. Try to stay away from windows, tall bookcases, and other heavy objects that might fall. If you cannot find a desk or table, get into a doorway or hallway or brace yourself against an interior wall.
 - Cover:** Stay under cover until the shaking stops. If you are in a doorway, watch out for the swinging door. If you are in an open area, kneel down and cover your head with a book or anything else you can find.
 - Hold:** Hold onto the desk or table. As it moves, move with it. Hold on until the shaking stops.
 - High-Rise Buildings:** If you are in a high-rise building, and cannot get under a desk, move to an interior wall. Do not use the elevators. Don't be surprised if the electricity goes out.
 - Outdoors:** If you are outdoors, move to a clear area away from trees, power lines, signs and buildings.
 - Sidewalk Near a Building:** Duck into a doorway to protect yourself from falling bricks, glass, and other debris.
 - Driving:** Pull over to the side of the road. Avoid bridges, power lines,

- and other hazards. Stay in the car until the shaking stops.
- Kitchen:** If you are in your kitchen, move away from heavy appliances such as refrigerators. Also avoid overhead cupboards, and hanging objects.
- Stadium or Theater:** If you are in a stadium or theater, stay in your seat, and protect your head with your arms. Do not try to leave until the shaking is over.
- Don't Panic:** Above all, remain calm.

- After the Earthquake:**
- Aftershocks:** Be prepared for aftershocks.
 - Check for Injuries:** Check yourself and those around you for injuries. Administer first aid as needed.
 - Check Utilities:** Check your utilities. If you suspect that the gas, water or electrical wiring is damaged, turn them off. Use a flashlight or light stick to check your utilities. DO NOT use matches, candles or other open flame.
 - Monitor the Radio:** Don't go sightseeing. Cooperate with public safety officials. Use a transistor radio to monitor the Emergency Alert System (EAS) for news and information.
 - Telephones:** Try to minimize your use of telephones. If you see telephones off the hook, hang them up. This will help the telephone company to restore service.
 - Cabinets and Cupboards:** When opening cabinets and cupboards, use caution. The contents of the cabinet might be heaped up against the door, and may fall on you when the door is opened.
 - Stay out of Damaged Buildings:** Don't go into damaged buildings until they have been declared safe by building inspectors.
 - Organize Your Emergency Supplies:** Take the time to put together emergency supplies for your family. You should have adequate supplies and water to last your family at least 72 hours.

Emergency Preparedness guidelines were distributed with the June, 2007 issue of "Inside Santa Clara." Visit the City website at www.santaclaraca.gov and select "Be Prepared for the Next Disaster" for another copy of this hand publication, or call 615-2210 or 615-4900 and a copy will be mailed to you. Copies can also be obtained from any City fire station, the Santa Clara Police Department, and at City Hall.

Leadership Santa Clara Classes Underway



Shown at Santa Clara University, the 2008 Leadership Santa Clara class is currently underway. During once a month sessions from January through June, class members are receiving briefings on a variety of issues affecting Santa Clara, and also participating in such workshops public speaking, working with the media, meeting leadership, and other topics to assist them in their personal and professional lives. For information about the Leadership program, or how to sign up for the 2009 class, contact class coordinator Scott Summerfield at 925/249-9320 or the City Manager's Office at 615-2210.

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Afternoon Tea and Vintage Fashion Show June 8

The lovely, shaded garden of the Harris-Lass Historic Museum at 1889 Market St. will be the setting for an "Afternoon Tea and Vintage Fashion Show" from 1 – 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 8. Guests will be served tea, scones, finger sandwiches, fruit and pastries, while watching a vintage hat and fashion show featuring costumes and dress of the 19th and early 20th century.

Guests will also receive a pass to return, at a later date, for a private tour of the beautifully appointed Harris-Lass House with its delightful antique collections. The event is sponsored by the Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara.

Tickets for this fundraiser are \$25 each and must be purchased in advance. Seating is limited to 100. Contact Maria at 246-3822 for more information or to reserve tickets, or leave an inquiry on the message line of the Harris-Lass House Museum at 249-7905.





SANTA CLARA ARTS & HISTORICAL CONSORTIUM

Santa Clara Museums



Pictured top to bottom, above :

- Triton Museum of Art
- de Saisset Museum
- Headen-Inman House

Pictured top to bottom, above :

- Santa Clara Depot
- Harris-Lass Historic Museum
- Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe

Triton Museum of Art

The Triton Museum of Art exists to enhance the quality of lives of people in Santa Clara and the Bay Area through a program of art, education, and community involvement. Rotating exhibits highlight the museum's permanent collection of 19th and 20th century American art. *Native Americans Yesterday and Today: Selections from the Austen D. Warburton Collection*, is a permanent exhibition. The museum buildings are owned by the City, but are operated by the nonprofit Triton Museum of Art. The museum is located at 1505 Warburton Ave., across the street from City Hall. The Museum is open daily, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursdays until 9 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For further information, call 247-3754, or visit the Triton website at www.tritonmuseum.org.

de Saisset Museum

Founded in 1955 through the bequest of Isabel de Saisset, the museum features rotating exhibits as well as permanent displays of art. The museum's collection includes American, European, African and Oriental art. The *California Historic Collection* features artifacts of the pre-mission California Indians, relics and sacramental objects from the original mission, and memorabilia from the days of the early college. The de Saisset also has an ongoing program of films, concerts and lectures. The museum is located on the Santa Clara University campus, adjacent to historic Mission Santa Clara. Admission and parking are free. Galleries are open Tuesday through Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 554-4528, or visit the de Saisset website at www.scu.edu/deSaisset.

Headen-Inman House

The charming Headen-Inman House, 1509 Warburton Ave., includes a museum with photographs and artifacts related to the history of Santa Clara. Rotating exhibits by the Santa Clara Art Association are also on display. The Santa Clara Founders and Pioneers Room has exhibits featuring the founding families and early pioneers of Santa Clara County. The house, named after the two families who once owned it, is now owned by the City, but is operated by and is the headquarters of the nonprofit Santa Clara Arts & Historical Consortium. The museum is open most Sundays, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For further information, call 248-ARTS.

South Bay Historical Railroad Society

The South Bay Historical Railroad Society was founded in 1985 with the goal of preserving the heritage of American railroading. SBHRS accomplished the major task of renovating the historic Santa Clara Depot, and maintains the facility and researches its history. The group also built and maintains onsite HO and N scale museum-grade model train layouts. The Santa Clara Depot, at the Santa Clara Caltrain Station, is regularly open to the public every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m., at 1005 Railroad Ave. Call 243-3969 for further information, or visit the website at www.sbhrrs.org.

Harris-Lass Historic Museum

The Harris-Lass Historic Museum, located at 1889 Market St., is the last preserved farm site in the City of Santa Clara. The property, which includes a large fully furnished Italianate-style home, barn, summer kitchen and a tank house, is named for the two families who owned it and lived there for 125 years. The museum is now owned by the City, but is operated by the nonprofit Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara, and staffed entirely by volunteers. Guided tours aid visitors in learning about local history and life in the early 1900s. Museum hours are most Saturdays and Sundays, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Parking is free. For details about visiting the museum, call 249-7905.

Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe

The Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe, located at 3260 The Alameda, is a State-registered landmark and one of the oldest surviving adobe structures in northern California. With its origins dating to 1784, the Pena adobe was originally part of a row of houses for married Indian couples. The Santa Clara Woman's Club now uses the adobe as its club headquarters and meeting place. The Woman's Club provides encouragement and support for youth in Santa Clara, and cooperates with other organizations to aid seniors, veterans and the handicapped. Call 246-8000 for more information.

Other Consortium Member Groups

Foothills Region Antique Automobile Club of America

Interested in the preservation of cars that are 25 years old or older, the members of this club tour with their cars and take part in parades and many other family oriented activities. For more information, call President Grant Danielson, 836-2330.

Los Fundadores y Amigos de Alta California, the Founders and Friends of Santa Clara County

The goals of Los Fundadores are to preserve the history and heritage of Santa Clara County and early California, to maintain a museum room in the Headen-Inman House, to provide rotating genealogical displays, and to develop research materials for the library room at the museum. The group was established in 1987 by Evalyn Martinez. It publishes a quarterly newsletter aimed at preserving the history and heritage of the founding families and early pioneers of Santa Clara County from its founding through 1889. For more information, call Evalyn Martinez at 926-1165.

Santa Clara Players

The Santa Clara Players is a talented local theater group that performs in the 80-seat Hall Pavilion of the Triton Museum of Art. Its season runs from October through June and includes three public productions plus one-act plays that can be performed for groups by special arrangement. Call 248-7993 for more information or visit www.scplayers.org.

Santa Clara Sister Cities Association

Individuals interested in promoting an appreciation for the world and its diverse cultures are invited to join the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association (SCA). Membership is open to both residents of Santa Clara and non-residents. SCA works closely with the City's International Exchange Commission which coordinates exchange programs with Santa Clara's two sister-cities: Coimbra, Portugal and Izumo, Japan. The group meets four or five times during the year at the Senior Citizens Center in Santa Clara. For more information on the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association, or opportunities to host visitors, contact SCA President Andy Ratermann at 244-4548 or see the website at www.santaclarasistercities.org.

Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists

Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists is dedicated to studying, teaching and promoting the art of china, glass and porcelain painting. Activities include monthly meetings/luncheons, workshops/seminars, demonstrations, porcelain exchange, and community involvement. For more information, call Arline Norsworthy at 296-8319.

Consortium Member Groups include:

- de Saisset Museum*
- Foothills Region AACA
- Garden City Doll Club
- Heart of the Valley*
- Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara
- KKUP Radio
- Los Fundadores, Founders and Friends of Santa Clara Co.
- Mission City Opera
- Mission Trail Early Ford V-8 Club
- Primarily Purses/Vintage Accessories Club
- Roberta Jones Junior Theatre*
- Santa Clara Art Association
- Santa Clara City Library*
- Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society*
- Santa Clara Players
- Santa Clara Sister Cities Association
- Santa Clara Schools Foundation*
- Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists
- Santa Clara Woman's Club*
- Soroptimist International of Santa Clara*
- South Bay Historical Railroad Society*
- Spanish Heritage Society
- Tabard Theater*
- Triton Museum of Art*
- The Twenty Diners Plus

*Affiliate Members

For more information on the Consortium or information on any of the groups listed above, call 248-ARTS.

Engaging business in environmental programs



Businesses in Santa Clara have joined residents and the City in supporting policies and programs that protect the environment. In addition to internal operations efforts to be environmentally conscious, more than 130 Santa Clara businesses are participating in the municipal Electric Utility/Silicon Valley Power's Green Power program in which they pay slightly higher electric rates in order to buy power from renewable energy sources such as wind and solar. All types and sizes of businesses are participating, and the goal is to have more than 10% of Silicon Valley Power's commercial and industrial customers involved this year.

Five local businesses have received Green Business certification from a countywide program that recognize businesses that have gone beyond compliance with environmental regulations and proactively taken additional steps to conserve natural resources, prevent pollution, and reduce waste. Santa Clara Green Business designees are: Harv's Carwash, Nvidia Corporation, Casto Travel,

Inc., Clean Innovation Corp., and Agilent Technologies. Another recognition for environmental leadership by Santa Clara businesses, academic, governmental and nonprofit organizations will debut in 2008 when Silicon Valley Power selects the first Energy Innovator Award winners (see page 7). Three categories will honor Environmental Innovators (for all-around efforts to support energy efficiency and renewable energy), Energy Efficiency Partners (for designing, implementing and granting rebates for energy efficiency), and Green Power Champions (for innovative and successful green power purchases and other renewable energy programs). Silicon Valley Power provides its business customers with an analysis of power use and recommendations on how to conserve energy and save money through OPUS, Optimal Power Use Services. The OPUS team can prepare energy efficient project technical specifications, obtain competitive bids from qualified contractors, monitor construction and perform post-installation inspections. The City will also conduct waste audits for local businesses in order to reduce the volume of waste being sent to the landfill. After the audit is complete, businesses are referred to companies that can assist in setting up a waste reduction program.

Green, Greener, Greenest ~ a special insert inside this publication includes tips on how you can protect the environment!

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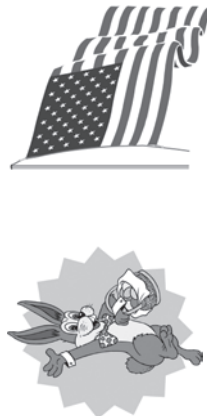
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City Spring holiday schedule

City offices will be closed on Friday, March 21, for a Spring Holiday, and on Monday, May 26, for Memorial Day. The City's Library will be closed on Easter Sunday, March 23.

There will be no changes to the solid waste collection schedule on these days. Collections will follow normal schedules. For information call 615-3080.



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Year-long police undercover operation is successful

Copper thieves cost taxpayers and businesses millions of dollars nationwide by stripping and stealing it from all types of buildings, construction sites, and utilities.

A recently completed, year-long undercover "sting" operation by the Santa Clara Police Department, in partnership with the San Jose Police Department, was successful in identifying many individuals trying to sell stolen copper for pennies on the dollar. The operation also led to drug dealers, car thieves, gun dealers, and bomb makers.

Undercover police opened a recycling business, and were soon approached by copper thieves trying to market stolen goods. Over the year, the police purchased 14 tons of copper, with only two legitimate customers.

The business was also approached to purchase 40 stolen vehicles, (ranging from a Porsche Carrera to a motorcycle), narcotics (including methamphetamine, marijuana, Ecstasy and Vicodin), and 74 firearms (many destined for street gangs). These included 21 assault weapons banned in California, four firearms reported stolen, two fully automatic weapons, two sawed off shotguns and eight firearms with damaged or removed serial numbers. The undercover operation was also able to purchase seven bombs.

Altogether, 273 suspects were investigated, and with cooperation of the District Attorney's Office, criminal charges filed against 211.

Police Chief Stephen D. Lodge said he expects a significant reduction in copper theft in the area as a result of the operation. "Most importantly, each gun and bomb we purchased represents a life saved," he added.

26th anniversary of SHOWTIME melodrama

See page 4 for more information.

